THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI KASHIRAM RANA) : (a) to (c) As per World Trade Organisation (WTO) Agreement on Textiles and Clothing (ATC), the quantitative restrictions (import quotas) would be completely phased out and textile sector fully integrated by 1st January 2005. All WTO Members including USA and EU Member Nations are bound by this obligation.

The liberalised trading regime is expected to result in increased international trade in textiles thus providing greater export opportunities.

All Women Police Battalions

*656. SHRI SURESH KALMADI :

SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are considering a proposal to raise Women Battalions in all Central and State Police Forces;

(b) if so, whether any groundwork has been prepared in this direction;

(c) the names of the States that have proposed an All Women Police Battalion; and

(d) by when the proposal is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) already has two women battalions and one full contingent of women police in each of the units of Rapid Action Force under CRPF. There is no proposal to raise additional Women Battalions in Central Police Forces.

(c) Jharkhand and Tamil Nadu are the only States which have proposed setting up of an all women police battalion each. In Madhya Pradesh, there are some companies of women police in their Special Armed Police. The Government of Karnataka has also proposed to raise two companies of women Police (Armed).

(d) The State Government of Jharkhand has informed that the process of recruitment to the women battalions has already been started. Government of Tamil Nadu has informed that this proposal is still being developed.

Crime rate in South Delhi

*657. MISS MABEL REBELLO :

SHRI B.J. PANDA :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether South Delhi is the most prone to crime in the capital;